



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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birdfoot violet

Viola pedata

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

The birdfoot violet grows from an underground stem. Its leaf has three parts which are usually further divided into three more parts. The leaf may be two inches across. The flower is up to one and one-half inches wide, with each flower on its own stalk. The five petals are all lilac. The upper two petals are sometimes darker than the others. The copper-colored seeds are contained in a smooth, green capsule.

BEHAVIORS

The birdfoot violet may be found statewide in Illinois. This plant grows on rocky, wooded slopes and along the borders of woods. Flowering occurs from mid-April through early June.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest